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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
KENDRICK EXTRICATION  
DEVICE**

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<b>Purpose:</b> To provide rigid stabilization of the cervical and thoracic spine during movement of a patient with a suspected spinal injury from a sitting to supine position		<b>Indications:</b> Any patient with a possible spinal injury, found in a sitting position	
<b>Advantages:</b> Easy to apply Provides rigid stabilization of head and spine when properly applied	<b>Disadvantages:</b> Chest and abdominal straps may restrict respirations Obscures visualization of back and sides	<b>Complications:</b> Use of the chin strap prevents patient from opening mouth if vomiting occurs	<b>Contraindications:</b> None

